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Department of Elections

Goa State Election Commission

#### Order

No. 4/10/MCN&amp;S/2015-SEC/1686

Sub.: Filing of Affidavit for Municipal Elections

In exercise of the powers conferred with this Commission under Article 243 ZA of the Constitution of India read with Section 10A of the Goa Municipalities Act, 1969, I, Dr. M. Modassir, State Election Commissioner Goa hereby directs as under:-

Whereas, as per Rule 2A of The Goa Municipalities (Election) Rules, 1969 it is incumbent upon the candidates to file an affidavit in the prescribed Form XXIII alongwith the nomination.

And whereas, if any candidate fails to file the said affidavit alongwith the nomination paper, the Returning Officer should bring this defect to the notice of the candidate/proposal presenting the nomination form.

It is further directed that no column of the affidavit should be left blank or filled by just tick/dash marking. If the information asked for in

a column is Nil or not applicable to the particular candidate, then he should write "Nil" or "Not applicable" in that column. A standard format for this purpose is given at Annexure "A".

A copy of blank Form XXIII should be issued to the candidate or proposer immediately on presentation of the nomination paper and candidate should be asked to file duly sworn affidavit alongwith the nomination papers.

In case there is a request from any person to seek copies of the affidavit filed by a candidate/ /candidates, they may be given a copy on payment of copying charges at the rate of Rs. 2/- per page.

If any candidate fails to file prescribed affidavit till the last date and time of nominations, the Returning Officer shall reject his candidature during scrutiny for non-compliance of Rule 2A.

The Returning Officer shall not go into the aspect of verification/truthfulness of the contents of the affidavit sworn by the candidate during the scrutiny of the nominations or during the election process.

Given under the seal of this Commission.

Dr. M. Modassir, IAS (Retd.), State Election Commissioner (Goa).

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